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- 1. The total planned production for 1956 of the Nost (N51/713) and Sokolov (N51/758) brown coal begins has been set at 14,000,000 metric tons as compared to 12,000,000 metric tens called for by the 1955 production plan.
- 2. In the Scholov coal basin seal seems have been completely exhausted in the pits "Rudolf" and "Dakla". It is estimated that the pit "Agnes" (or "Aneska") will be exhausted in mid-1956. The only recent new constructions in this coal basin concerned improvements and enlargements of coal-sorting equipment in most of the pits, especially that of the pit "Bylvester". Flams for the future envisage a substantial enlargement and modernisation of the surface pit "Madard" to increase its production to 15,000 metric tons of coal per day.
- In the Most coal basin several villages are being evacuated and destroyed to enable planned extension of coal minimum. These plans affect the existence of the following localities: Wleredorf (present name Oldrichov) (MSI/FEL), Katsendorf (present name Kocouriov) (MSI/FEL), Hegehols (present name Majniste) (WSI/FEL) and Krinsdorf (present name Krissnov) (MSI/FEL) sent name Majniste) (WSI/FEL) and Krinsdorf (present name Krissnov) (MSI/FEL) (MSI/FEL). Goal seams under these villages are exploited by the surface mines "Segen Gottes", "Barbara", "Adolf-Marie" and "Wnion", all of which are being considerably enlarged. In a similar way the term Kostany (MSI/FEL) with some 15,000 inhabitants" is being gradually eaten up by the pit "Karel" in Zuckmentel (present name Posorka) (MSI/FEL). The surface pit "Gustav" near Chlumec (WSI/F35) has been greatly enlarged. Intensified Duchov (WSI/F23) where whole parts of the city, including the main RR station and the pond "Barbara"

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have to be shifted to make way for new shafts. On the other hand, no changes seem to be planned in the operation of the following pits:

- a. In the vicinity of Most: "Vitezny unor", "Nejedly", "Julius I 1V", "Kolumbus", "Centrum", "Mathilde" and "Minerva".
- h. In the vicinity of Osek (N51/F24) and Lom (N51/F13): "Alexander" (present name "Gottwald" pit), "Biel", "Kohinoor", "Johann", "Himmelfuerst" and "Marie" (present name "Nejedly" pit).
- c. In the vicinity of Sous (N51/F13) and Jeneri (N51/F03): "Grobmann", "Hedwig" and "Juno".
- d. In Bohosudov (N51/F34): "Doblhof" and "Milada".
- 4. In the vicinity of Bilina (N51/F23) coal seams in the pits "Amalie III V" and "Ludwig" have been completely exhausted, and the pit "Emeran" will be exhausted in the near future.
- 5. In Lechnice (N51/F23) mining has been stopped in the pit "Frantiska", while the pit "Masaryk" near Brestany (N51/F24) has been enlarged and its capacity increased.
- 6. In the vicinity of Duchcov the old pit "Clueckstern" has been reopened.
- 7. Production in the synthetic gasoline plant "Stalinovy zevody, n.p." in Zaluzi (N51/F13) showed lately a considerable decrease in comparison with the 1945 production level. The whole plant gives the impression of a slowly dying mammoth.

1.	Comment. Both the firm appear to be too small in
	view of the paramount importance of the North Bohemian coal basin for
	Czechoslovakia's brown coal production. According to figures available
	here, brown coal and lignite production in 1953 amounted to
	approximately 31,500,000 metric tons, of which some 93 per cent, came
	from the Most and Sokolov coal basins. In 1954 the Most coal basin
	alone allegedly produced in the neighborhood of 22,000,000 metric tons
	of brown coal and lignite and the Sokolov area, the second largest
	brown coal basin in the CSR, around 9,000,000 metric tons.

2. Comment. Two reports give the "Medard" pit production as 1,600 to 1,950 metric tons per day, and 60,000 metric tons per month respectively. It seems, therefore, rather unlikely that even a considerable enlargement of the pit and modernization of equipment could increase its output almost ten times.

3. Comment.

have been identified on German maps and their location, found correct. Czech pit names listed

in this report have been found in the 1955 telephone directory. Their map location, however, could not be confirmed here.

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h.	Goment. The 1949 census gave the population of Kostany as 3,279. (15,000) therefore appears to be considerably exaggerated, even if due allowence is made for a probable population increase as a result of the border region re-settlement efforts and the stress laid on coal mining by the Prague regime.	25X1 25X1
5.	decrease in production of subject plant. If true, it would probably suggest a change in the gasoline supply policy within the Soviet bloc. The plant was heavily damaged by serial bom- bardment towards the close of WW II and it is known that great efforts	25X1 25X1
	were made by government to bring it speedily into operation again in order to cover a considerable part of the gasoline consumption. According to a report the plant employed same 12 to 15 thousand workers and consumed large quantities of brown coal produced by the Route Bohemian brown coal basin. If the assertion of its greatly limited operation were correct, Caschoslovakia would probably be in a position to offer substantially more brown coal for export than hitherto.	25X1
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